

Carnrike as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE). Ms. Carnrike is a leader at the local and State level whose commitment to economic development and job creation has been a vital asset to the State of New York.

For the last eighteen years, she has been a member of the Chenango County Chamber of Commerce, and its President for the previous eight. During her tenure, Ms. Carnrike has been instrumental in improving the quality of life and promoting further economic growth. This appointment is a well-deserved honor for her achievements within Chenango County and across New York State.

I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Carnrike for the last eight years. Together we have been able to secure over \$12 million in Federal funds for improvements to New York State Route 12—improving access between the cities of Utica and Binghamton, and all points in between. These improvements will greatly benefit the employers located along the Route 12 corridor, stimulating further economic and business growth.

Ms. Carnrike has demonstrated the qualities that the ACCE was founded upon in 1914 in her dedication, excellent leadership and managerial expertise. I also congratulate her for becoming only the third woman to hold this organization's highest office in its 90-year history. She will no doubt continue the fine work begun by her predecessor Carroll Gray of the Charlotte, NC Chamber of Commerce.

I wish her the best of luck and look forward to continuing a positive working relationship to increase opportunities and strengthen the Chenango County economy.

HONORING REVEREND WROTEN
MCQUIRTER, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a distinguished religious educator with over 50 years of dedicated service to the Clinton, Jackson, Bolton, and Terry communities in the State of Mississippi, the Reverend Wroten McQuirter, Sr.

Rev. Wroten McQuirter, Sr., is known throughout the State as more than just a pastor, but as a social activist, counselor, supporter, leader, and most importantly as a friend. In 1970, he began his religious training at the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi, and in 1973, Reverend McQuirter received his bachelor of theology degree from Natchez College.

Throughout Reverend McQuirter's pastoral tenure from 1957 to 2004, he has served in various positions including the dean and moderator of the Original J.M.B. District Association; president of the Hinds County Council for Church and Social Action; president of the Clinton Ministerial Workers Council, dean of the Congress of Christian Education; board member of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc., president of the Terry Ministerial Fellowship, and member of the Moderator Department of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

In addition to his pastoral duties and responsibilities, Reverend McQuirter has been a

great asset to the communities in Mississippi. He has served as an active leader and organizer for Hinds County Communities in the fight for equality. He has been an activist with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, for more than four decades. He led the movement for desegregation in the Clinton Public School District in 1968, whereby his two younger children were among the first six black students to enroll in Clinton Park Elementary School.

Although retired, he is not retired. Reverend McQuirter, who recently celebrated his 82nd birthday on October 23, remains actively involved in Christian education ministering to the needs of others. He teaches bible class at the Clinton Community Christian Corporation as well as bible study at Pleasant Green Church. He also teaches several courses in church leadership schools offered by various churches.

Please join me in congratulating Rev. Wroten McQuirter, Sr., on 50 years of distinguished service. It is in achievement that brings pride not only to his local community, but to the whole State of Mississippi and the Nation.

RECOGNIZING INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER STEPHANIE A. STORCH

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent, Intelligence Specialist Senior Chief Petty Officer Stephanie A. Storch. Senior Chief Storch is retiring after twenty-one years of dedicated service to the nation.

Senior Chief Storch began her career in 1983 as a Mess Specialist. During her initial assignment to Naval Radio Receiving Facility (NRRF) Kami Seya, Japan, her professionalism was first recognized when she was selected a 1985 Junior Sailor of the Quarter. In 1986 she joined the Intelligence field and reported to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron THREE (VQ-3), Naval Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii.

Senior Chief Storch served throughout the Pacific Theater and the Middle East in a career that focused on Intelligence training and Naval Special Warfare operations. Her leadership and academic accolades are numerous from her 1993 Navy League Woman of the Year selection to the distinction of graduating in the top 1 percent of her Berlitz Language School Arabic class. Senior Chief Storch's Special Operations and Training expertise merged in March 2000, when she was assigned to Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command as the Force Intelligence Specialist for Naval Special Warfare.

Senior Chief Storch culminates her service at the Joint Intelligence Training Activity Pacific (JITAP) where she is the Asymmetric Warfare Branch Head and Senior Enlisted Advisor. She is an Intelligence professional and leader who always put the welfare of her sailors first. Senior Chief Storch's performance reflects greatly on herself, the United States Navy, and our country. I extend my deepest appreciation to Intelligence Specialist Senior

Chief Petty Officer Stephanie A. Storch for her 21 years of dedicated military service and wish her and her family all the best in the years to follow. I am glad to hear that upon retirement, Senior Chief Storch and her family, CWO3 Ernest J. Storch, USN and two sons, Adam and Daniel will continue to make San Diego County their home.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KRISTI
KNOWLES

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to a tremendous public servant from my hometown of Grand Junction, Colorado. Kristi Knowles was recently nominated as Grand Junction, Colorado's "Officer of the Year"; it is my honor to call her heroic service to the attention of this body of Congress and this Nation.

Kristi began her service to the City of Grand Junction in July of 1999, signing on as a telecommunicator with the Regional Communication Center. She rose quickly through the ranks eventually earning a position as a sworn police officer in the Grand Junction Police Department's Patrol Section. Since assuming this role, Kristi has continually exhibited a unique commitment to the job and people she is sworn to protect and defend.

Overtime, Kristi has distinguished herself in cases involving domestic violence. Kristi always goes above and beyond the call of duty by comforting victims of domestic violence and ensuring they have access to community resources. Kristi even went so far as to reach out to the staff at the Latimer House to ensure that she was doing everything she could to help the victim.

Community policing is truly a community effort, and Kristi Knowles has certainly done her part. She is a shining example to officers throughout the nation of the passion and concern, which is so vital to accomplishing the mission given to our law enforcement officials each day. It is my honor to congratulate Kristi before my colleagues in the Congress. Her recognition is well-deserved, and I wish her nothing but the best as she continues to serve the Grand Junction community. Thank you for your service, Kristi!

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES S.
"CHARLEY" SHIMANSKI

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles "Charley" Shimanski, an accomplished mountain climber who served as Executive Director of the American Alpine Club from 1993 until his retirement in October of this year.

Charley grew up in Madison, Wisconsin, and graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1981 with a degree in Economics. He worked in the financial services sector for 12 years both in Europe and in Denver, including at Oppenheimer Funds, United Bank